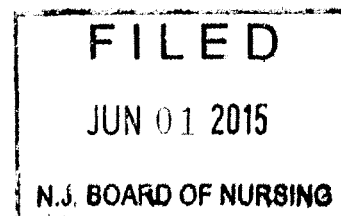


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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

URSULA N. ODIMARA, R.N.  
LICENSE # NR 11841000

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information that respondent Ursula Nonyerem Akujobi-Odimara, R.N., while employed as a nurse at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital on at least one occasion in February of 2012 documented assessment of the status of a percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) tube that had been installed to feed patient S.C. in the event that he refused to eat. The records indicate that S.C. was a difficult patient. Respondent documented that the PEG tube was intact. However, on February 22, 2012, a

physician at the facility found the PEG tube had been removed, and the fistula wound had already healed completely. S.C. stated that he had pulled out the tube, or that it had fallen out, two weeks earlier. According to respondent, an earlier physician's note on February 22, 2012 indicated that the PEG tube was intact.

According to respondent, the patient consistently stated to her that the PEG tube was intact, refused assessment, and took his nutritional supplement by mouth. Nevertheless, respondent documented that the PEG tube was intact. Respondent maintains that she based this notation in the record upon the patient's statement that the tube was intact. Respondent further maintains that because the patient was difficult and combative, and often refused to allow personnel to look at the PEG tube, the staff, doctors and nurses routinely relied on the patient's assurances with regard to his PEG tube, and points out that other nurses were disciplined for similar conduct with patient S.C.

The Board finds that respondent's documentation that S.C.'s PEG tube was intact at a time when it could not have been intact indicates that she provided inaccurate documentation with regard to an assessment which did not occur, in violation of N.J.S.A. 46:1-21(e) (professional misconduct).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without admissions of wrongdoing and without further proceedings, and respondent waiving any right to a hearing, and the Board finding that the

within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 1st DAY OF June, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).
2. A \$500 civil penalty is hereby imposed. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check, money order, or attorney trust account check, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.
3. Respondent shall, within six months, document completion of a nursing ethics course pre-approved by the Board, which shall not be eligible towards satisfaction of respondent's continuing education obligations pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

*Patricia Murphy PhD APN*

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN, C

I have read and understand  
the within Consent Order and  
agree to be bound by its terms.

*U. Odumara*

Ursula N. Odumara, R.N.

Consent as to form and entry:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "JoAnn Pietro", is written over a horizontal line.

JoAnn Pietro, Esq.

Attorney for respondent